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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am writing to express my disagreement with the proposed
Microsoft anti-trust settlement. After reviewing the
proposal, it is my belief that it is insufficient to
curtail Microsoft's unethical business practices which are
hurting the computer industry.

One particular change I recommend is that Microsoft be
required to publically release on the Internet full
documentation for all of it's API's and file formats, such
as those used by Microsoft Office. This would allow
competitors to create software that is compatible with
Microsoft's.

I would also like to suggest that you do not allow Microsoft
to exclude Open Source software from any settlement that
is reached. One of the proposed settlements from MS would
require MS to release documentation *ONLY* to "Registered Businesses"
This would exclude open source deveoolopers, who frequently release
software for free that needs to be compatible with Microsoft APIs.

Sincerely,

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